viability in respect of Modernisation of Cauvery Delta Phase-I and in respect of Anaimaduvu Reservoir Scheme, replies to the Central Water Commission's comments have been recently received in June, 1988 and September, 1988. As 75 per cent work of Parambikulam Aliyar Ayacut extension and modernisation of Periyar Vaigai Projects has been completed the question of their appraisal does not arise.

Ban on smoking

1494. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prohibit smoking in offices, public places and transports inclusive of Railways and the educational institutions, in view of the proof that cancer can be caused in the environment of smokers;

(b) whether Government have taken measures to control the percentage of expenditure on advertisements by cigarette manufacturers; and

(c) whether Government propose to take immediate measures to ban cigarette advertisements in sports fields and tournaments and in the promotion of sports activities or sponsoring them by cigarette manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) With a view to reducing the health hazards of smoking all the State/U.T. Governments and Central Ministries/Departments have been advised to enforce the existing legislation/instructions concerning non-smoking in different places of entertainment and public transport and to extend these to other public places.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view of the increasing incidence of tobacco related diseases it has been proposed to introduce a comprehensive plan of action against use of all tobacco products in consultation with the State Governments. The proposed anti-tobacco measures *inter-alia* include prohibition of advertisement on all tobacco products.

Shift in production of energy from nuclear base to gas base

1495. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider a shift in the energy production from nuclear base to gas base power generation in view of the abundent finds of gas in Krishna-Godavari basin and other areas, and also in view of the protests from the environmentalists regarding the possible ill-effects arising due to radiation and other problems of nuclear energy;

(b) whether there are any proposals for tapping energy from natural gas; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) The power generated from the Nuclear Power Plants today is about 3 per cent of the total electricity generated in the country. The long term plan of the Department of Atomic Energy will raise this share to about 10 per cent by the year 2000. For planning of energy in a large country like India, a proper mix of hydro, thermal and

nuclear energy is essential. Nuclear energy is economical at locations far away from coal mines or other sources of energy. Nuclear Power Plants are designed so as not to affect the environment or release harmful radiation. The gas found in Krishna Godavari region will be used for many other applications and only a limited amount will be available for power generation.

CGHS Dispensary at Minto Road, New Delhi

1496. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 7000 card holders in the CGHS dispensary at Minto Road, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have received representations of Welfare Associations of Minto Road Central Government employees for opening of an additional dispensary to curtail work load in the present Minto Road Dispensary;

(c) whether it is a fact that patients have to wait for their turn for an hour or so to reach the Doctor and to get medicines from the window counter; and

(d) whether Government propose to open new dispensary in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Due to increased attendance on days following closed holidays, the beneficiaries have to wait more time than the normal waiting time in the dispensary.

(d) No proposal for a new dispensary in Minto Road area is under consideration of the Government.

On going projects in Orissa

1497. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various on-going projects in Orissa;

(b) what was the scheduled time fixed for their completion;

(c) whether Government have made a study of these projects to find out the reasons for delay in the execution;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when each of the projects is likely to be completed; and

(f) what is the percentage cost escalation of each project.

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a), (b) (e) and (f) The details of Central projects, each costing over Rs. 20 crores, covered by the Quarterly Monitoring System of the Ministry under implementation in Orissa, as at end of June 1988 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Government reviews periodically the progress of implementation of projects and the reasons identified include delays in land acquisition, supply of equipment, and environmental clearance, fund constraint etc.